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- 1. COLLINS REPORTED THAT WIFE WAS CALLED TO PASSPORT DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DECEMBER 29. SHE WAS TOLD DEFINITIVELY AND WITHOUT EXPLANATION THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE BULGARIA.
- 2. LETTER FROM COLLINS TO EMBASSY SOFIA FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
- 3. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW AT THIS POINT WHETHER THIS DISAPPOINTING DEVELOPMENT WAS INTENDED AS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR HERZ'S INITIATIVE OF DECEMBER 6 (REFTEL) OR COULD BE THE RESULT OF LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE BULGARIAN MFA AND MIA. IN EITHER CASE, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO MRS. COLLINS' REQUEST SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND WITHOUT FURTHER CHALLENGES.
- 4. IT OCCURS TO US THEREFORE THAT EMBASSY SOFIA MAY WELL WISH TO REFER TO THIS CASE IN OTHER CONTACTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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PERHAPS DURING AMBASSADOR'S NEXT TALK WITH FON MIN ON

CSC (REFTEL), SINCE FINAL ACT CLEARLY CALLS FOR FACILITATION OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION. IF EMBASSY SOFIA CONCURS, IT MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S BULGARIAN DESK (EE) TO RAISE ISSUE ON SUITABLE OCCASION WITH BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO STRESS OUR CONTINUING CONCERN THIS CASE.

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